

No. 327, A.]

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CHAPTER 655.

AN ACT to create sections 18091 to 18090, inclusive, of the statutes relating to the number of hours of continuous service of railroad employes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes four new sections to read:

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after March 4, 1908.

Approved July 16, 1907.

No. 626, A.]

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CHAPTER 656.

AN ACT to amend section 1220 of the statutes, as amended, relating to fees of life insurance companies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1220 of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. Chapter 455, laws of 1905, is repealed.

Approved July 16, 1907.

(In effect from and after date of publication.)

shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

(Ch. 477, 1907.)

Railroad employes' hours on and off duty. SECTION 1809l. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents, to require or permit: (1) Any employe to be or remain on duty for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours, and whenever any such employe of such common carrier shall have been continuously on duty for sixteen hours he shall be relieved and not required or permitted again to go on duty until he has had at least ten consecutive hours off duty; and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four hour period shall be required or permitted to continue or again go on duty without having had at least eight consecutive hours off duty.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Emergencies excepted. SECTION 1809m. The provisions of this act shall not apply in any case of casualty or unavoidable accident or the act of God; nor where the delay was the result of a cause not known to the carrier or its officers or agents in charge of such employe at the time said employe left the terminal and which could not have been foreseen nor to the crews of wrecking or relief trains.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Enforcement of sections 1809l to 1809o inclusive. SECTION 1809n. The railroad commission shall fully investigate all cases of violation of this act and shall lodge with the proper district attorneys information of such violations as may come to its knowledge. The commission shall have the power to employ such inspectors or other persons as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this act. To enforce the provisions of this act the railroad commission and its agents or employes shall have the power to administer oaths, interrogate witnesses, take testimony, and require the production of books and papers.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Penalty for violating hour law. SECTION 1809o. Any common carrier or any of its officers or agents violating any

of the provisions of section 1809l is declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Full passenger crew; exemptions. SECTION 1809r. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company doing business in the state of Wisconsin to run over its road, or part of its road, outside of the yard limits, any passenger train with three cars or less, with less than a full passenger crew, consisting of one engineer, one fireman, one conductor and one brakeman; for more than three cars, two brakemen; and on trains of more than three cars the said brakeman shall not be required to perform the duties of the baggage master or express agent while on the road. Nothing in this section shall apply to trains picking up a car or cars between terminals in this state, or to trains propelled by electricity.

(Ch. 402, 1907.)

Freight crew of five. SECTION 1809s. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company in the state of Wisconsin to run over its road, or any part thereof, outside of yard limits, any freight train of three cars or more with less than a full train crew consisting of five persons: one engineer, one fireman, one conductor, and two brakemen.

(Ch. 402, 1907.)

Penalty. SECTION 1809t. Any superintendent or train master or their assistants or any other officer, or employe of any railroad company doing business in the state of Wisconsin, operating more than twenty-five miles of road who shall send out on the road, or cause to be sent out on the road, outside of yard limits, any passenger train or any freight train whose crew consists of less than the number required in sections 1809r and 1809s of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars for each offense.

(Ch. 402, 1907.)

Circuit court jurisdiction. SECTION 1809u. The circuit courts of the several counties of this state shall have jurisdiction of offenses under this act.

(Ch. 402, 1907.)